

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2217

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 16, 1981

Application of AIRPORT LIMO, INC.,)
for Authority to Increase Rates)

Case No. AP-81-04

On March 31, 1981, Airport Limo, Inc., filed its WMATC Tariff No. 12 proposing to cancel its currently effective WMATC Tariff No. 11. The tariff proposes to increase rates for both special and charter operations to become effective May 1, 1981. A summary of the proposed changes follows:

<u>SPECIAL OPERATIONS</u>	<u>Current fare</u>	<u>Proposed Fare</u>
<u>Between</u>		
<u>Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport</u>	\$7.00	\$7.75
<u>Washington National Airport and Washington, D. C.</u>		
Capitol Hilton Hotel	\$3.25	\$3.50
Washington Hilton Hotel	3.25	3.50
Sheraton Washington Hotel	3.75	4.00
Zone 1 (Formerly "Zone 5")	5.75	6.25
Zone 2 (Formerly "Beyond Zone 5")	5.75	6.25
	Plus \$1/mile	Plus \$1/mile
<u>Washington National Airport and Virginia</u>		
Holiday Inn, Tyson's Corner	\$7.00	\$7.75
Ramada Inn, Tyson's Corner	7.00	7.75
Sheraton Hotel, Tyson's Corner	7.00	7.75

Dulles International Airport and
Washington, D. C.

Capitol Hilton Hotel	\$7.00	\$7.75
Washington Hilton Hotel	7.00	7.75
Sheraton Washington Hotel	7.25	8.00
Zone 1 (Formerly "Zone 5")	8.00	8.75
Zone 2 (Formerly "Beyond Zone 5")	8.00	8.75
	Plus \$1/mile	Plus \$1/mile

CHARTER OPERATION

Van --	per Live Mile	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
	per Dead Mile	1.00	1.00
	Rate per Hour	20.00	25.00
	Minimum Charge	52.00	58.00
Bus --	per Live Mile	1.20	1.20
	per Dead Mile	1.20	1.20
	Rate per Hour	35.00	40.00
	Minimum Charge	110.00	125.00

In support of its application Airport Limo filed financial exhibits which are available for inspection at the office of the Commission.

Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(1) of the Compact authorizes the Commission to suspend any fare, regulation or practice at any time prior to the effective date thereof. In considering whether such fare, regulation or tariff shall be suspended, the Commission must consider, inter alia, the financial condition of the carrier, its revenue requirements, and whether the carrier is being operated economically and efficiently. Further, the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(2) mandates that fares, regulations or practices relating thereto must be just, reasonable, and not unduly preferential either between riders or sections of the Metropolitan District. Subsections (a)(3) and (a)(4) list additional considerations, including the need, in the public interest, of adequate and efficient transportation service by a carrier at the lowest cost consistent with the furnishing of such service, and the opportunity for a carrier to earn a net return of at least 6.5 percent after all taxes properly chargeable to transportation operations.

Airport Limo asserts that on an annualized basis it shows an operating loss of \$131,556 for the 12-month period ending April 9, 1981. A pro forma income statement for the 12-month period ending April 10, 1982, indicates an operating loss of \$8,263 at current tariff rates and operating income of \$175,810 at its proposed rates, an operating ratio of 93.85 percent.

Airport Limo will be required to post notice of its proposal in its vehicles and publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District. Any person desiring to comment on the proposed fare increase may do so as directed below.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Airport Limo, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the Commission's staff, no later than Tuesday, April 21, 1981.
2. That Airport Limo, Inc., post notice of this application conspicuously in each of its vehicles operating in revenue service, such posting to be accomplished not later than Tuesday, April 21, 1981, and maintained through Monday, April 27, 1981.
3. That Airport Limo, Inc., provide the Commission an affidavit of the required publication and posting no later than April 29, 1981.
4. That any person desiring to protest the application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14 and any person desiring to be heard may so notify the Commission, in writing, on or before Wednesday, April 29, 1981, by delivering six copies of said protest or notice to Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, and simultaneously serving one copy on counsel for applicant, Lawrence D. Levien, Esquire, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Suite 400, Washington, D. C. 20036.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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